Who has Talking Books already?

Who has BARD already?

**Step 1:** Must apply for talking books first before BARD.

NLS Main Website: <https://www.loc.gov/nls/>

State of NH website: <https://www.nhsl.dncr.nh.gov/talking-books>

**Address:**

117 Pleasant Street ConcordNH03301

Email Address: [talking@dncr.nh.gov](mailto:talking@dncr.nh.gov)

Phone: [603-271-3429](tel:+16032713429)

**Eligibility:**

The New Hampshire Talking Books Library provides free library service to those unable to read standard print materials. This may be due to a temporary or permanent low vision, blindness, perceptual, or reading disability, or a physical disability that prevents them from using regular print materials, turning pages, or hard to hold a book for an extended period of time. If temporary, we will provide service while it is needed and cancel when a person's health has improved to where reading is comfortable once more.

These are examples of physical problems that may be eligible:

* arthritis of hands & wrists
* blindness
* cataracts not ready for surgery
* dyslexia
* epilepsy not fully controlled
* full body cast
* head injuries
* macular degeneration
* multiple sclerosis
* muscular dystrophy
* stroke aftermath
* Stryker frame

**Who can certify your application for eligibility?**

Eligibility must be certified by one of the following: public or welfare agencies (such as an educator, a social worker, case worker, counselor, rehabilitation teacher, certified reading specialist, dyslexia specialist, school psychologist, superintendent, or librarian), registered nurse, therapist, professional staff of hospitals, institutions, doctor of medicine, doctor of osteopathy, ophthalmologist, optometrist, or psychologist. Certifying authorities are not permitted to certify relatives. Applicants cannot certify themselves.

**Options available**: Online catalog, call to speak to librarian, automatic books, (popular fiction/nonfiction, genealogy books, Town/City/County reports, NH Newspapers, Government documents and political policies, and more)

**BARD and BARD Mobile - To find your local library or to speak with a librarian, call 888-NLS-READ (888-657-7323) and follow the prompts.**

<https://www.loc.gov/nls/how-to-enroll/sign-up-for-bard-and-bard-mobile/>

First—if you’re not one already—become an NLS patron. Submit [this online form](https://www.loc.gov/nls/thatallmayread/information-request/) to get information on how to become a patron from the NLS network library that serves your state or locality. If you are approved to participate you will receive an email message with sign-on information. If there is a problem you will receive a message explaining the problem.

Second, [register for BARD](https://nlsbard.loc.gov/nlsbardprod/support/applicationinstructions/NLS). You’ll input your network library and then complete a short online form.

Third, use your own smart device or use an NLS player. You can get [a free talking-book player](https://www.loc.gov/nls/services-and-resources/informational-publications/sources-of-assistive-technology/) on long-term loan from your network library or [buy a commercial model](https://www.loc.gov/nls/services-and-resources/equipment-for-nls-materials/) that you've confirmed can play NLS-produced talking books and magazines. If you plan to use your own smart device, download the free BARD Mobile app available at the [App Store External](https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/bard-mobile/id705229586) for **iOS**or the [Play Store External](https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=gov.loc.nls.dtb) or [Amazon Kindle Appstore External](http://www.amazon.com/Library-of-Congress-BARD-Mobile/dp/B016760320) for **Android**. You’ll need a [refreshable braille display](https://www.loc.gov/nls/services-and-resources/equipment-for-nls-materials/#refreshable-braille-devices) to read ebraille books downloaded from BARD. NLS has been authorized to loan refreshable braille displays to eligible readers. Distribution of these units is underway. [Ask your network library for more information about NLS refreshable braille displays](https://www.loc.gov/nls/find-your-library/).

If you’re using BARD on a Windows-based computer, [BARD Express](https://www.loc.gov/nls/how-to-enroll/sign-up-for-bard-and-bard-mobile/welcome-to-bard-express/) makes it easy to download books and transfer them to an NLS digital cartridge or USB drive for use in your NLS talking book player.

Also enroll in the BARD music service and materials for musicians.

Braille Education available through NLS

US Currency reader available free through NLS – separate application